Export of Black Stone Boulders to Bangladesh

7159. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether boulders were exported to Bangladesh from black stone quarries at Pakur , Bihar during 1987-89.

(b) if so, the names of the quarries at Pakur and adjoining areas Santhal Pargana alongwith the quantity exported therefrom;

(c) the details of the quarry owners to whom Payments were made and the amount thereof;

(d) whether the Government have imposed any ban on the export of black stone boulders and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the names of the black stone quarries from which boulders are proposed to be exported by the Government during 1991-92 along with the quantity to be exported and the income to be earned therefrom?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED):

(a) As per DGCI&S classification, export statistics in respect of black stone are not separately maintained. Bihar State Export Construction limited and Indian Railway Corporation Company Limited, the major exporters of stone ballast and boulders to Bangladesh have not exported black stone boulders to Bangladesh during 1987-89.

(b) and (c). Quarries exports are not being maintained and hence the details asked for are not available.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Quarry-wise exports are not being maintained/monitored.

National Highway in Madhya Pradesh

7160. SHRI SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding construction of National Highways in the State; and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is having in mind the proposals furnished by the Government of Madhya Pradesh for declaration of State Roads as new National Highways. Their details are given in the attached statement.

(b) It would be possible to take action about declaration of new National Highways only after finalisation of the 8th Five Year Plan, subject to availability of funds and other related factors, including the criteria laid down for declaring new National Highways.